(b) if so, what is the factual position stating the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Import of Heavy Water from Soviet Union for Rajasthan Atomic Power Station is carried out under mutual agreement and is subject to the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards. As such there is no question of dubiously acquiring heavy water sold by USSR.

Tenughat Reservoir

2109. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bring the Tenughat reservoir within the scope of the Damodar Valley Reservoir Regulation Commission to safeguard the interest of Bihar and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any demand has been made in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) It is for the State Governments of Bihar and West Bengal to mutually decide.

Technical persons for the posts of Secretary and Additional Secretary

2110. SHRI RAINI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is any scheme under Government's consideration to appoint technical persons for the posts of Secretary and Additional Secretary which have so far been generally held by the officials of Indian Administrative Services (I.A.S.); and

(b) if so, what are the guidelines of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. At present officers from Services other than the Indian Administrative Service are also being appointed as Secretaries and Additional Secretaries in the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of I.A.S. Officer as Secretary in Government of India

2111. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an I.A.S. officer belonging to the 1958 batch has recently been promoted as Secretary to Government of India; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the process a number of officers of the 1957 have been superseded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of supersession does not arise as officers are selected, on deputation basis, for various levels of appointment in the GOI depending on their suitability for the particular post.